

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received a renewal/major modification application for an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit, which has been drafted for public comment. Permit UNEV96200 has been applied for by the following applicant:

Blackburn Oil & Gas, LLC 5500 Soda Lake Road Fallon, NV 89406

On October 30, 2007, the applicant has applied for modification and reissuance of UIC permit UNEV96200 for an increase to four injection wells within the Blackburn Field to dispose of water produced in conjunction with conventional oil production. The wells are/will be located in Sections 7 & 8, T.27N., R.52E., Eureka County, Nevada. Blackburn #12 well has been used to dispose of produced water, and Blackburn #3 well is being requested for enhanced recovery purposes and/or backup disposal. Two other well could be authorized later. The applicant is required to conduct tests to demonstrate mechanical integrity of the wells. The renewed permit will allow the applicant to inject up to pressures that is not to exceed the maximum allowable per regulation (1,500 psi).

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to modify and reissue UIC permit UNEV96200 as stated above.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by January 10, 2008 either in person or by mail to:

Attn: Russ Land Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Pollution Control 901 South Stewart Street; Suite 4001 Carson City, NV 89701-5249 rland@ndep.nv.gov

All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the hearing date.

The application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Rus Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428.
Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.
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